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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to initial examination of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2005, the period for response being extended three (3) months to April 4, 2006 per the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

This reply includes:

Claim Set as Amended; and  
Remarks.